



# **Interoperability, Technology, and Transformation**

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# Overview



- **Transformation: Capabilities-Based Approach**
- **S&T Investment and Transformation**
- **Technology Transition and Interoperability**
- **National Security Workforce**

# Definition of Transformation



**“The Evolution and Deployment of Combat Capabilities  
That Provide Revolutionary or Asymmetric  
Advantages to Our Forces”**

**- QDR (Sep 30, 2001)**

# QDR Critical Capabilities



- **Protect Bases of Operations**
- **Conduct Information Operations**
- **Project and Sustain US Forces**
- **Deny Enemy Sanctuary**
- **Conduct Space Operations**
- **Leverage Information Technologies**

# Protecting Bases of Operations

- ***Combating Terrorism***
- ***Chemical/Biological Defense***
- ***Missile Defense***
- ***Consequence Management***

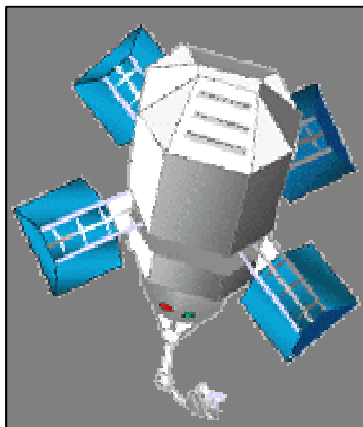




# Conduct Information Operations



- *Defensive IO and Information Assurance*
- *Offensive IO*



# Project and Sustain US Forces



- *Anti-Access Capabilities*



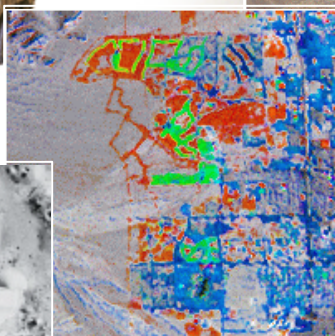
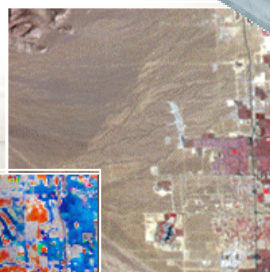
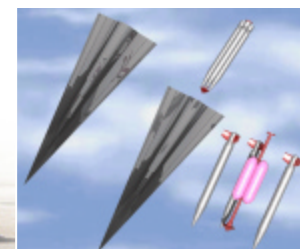


# Deny Enemy Sanctuary



## *Persistent Surveillance, Tracking and Rapid Engagement with Precision Strike*

- ***Remote Sensing/Enhanced C4ISR***
- ***Unmanned Aerial Vehicle***
- ***Long-Range Precision Strike***
- ***Small-Diameter Munitions***
- ***Defeat Hard and Deeply Buried Targets***

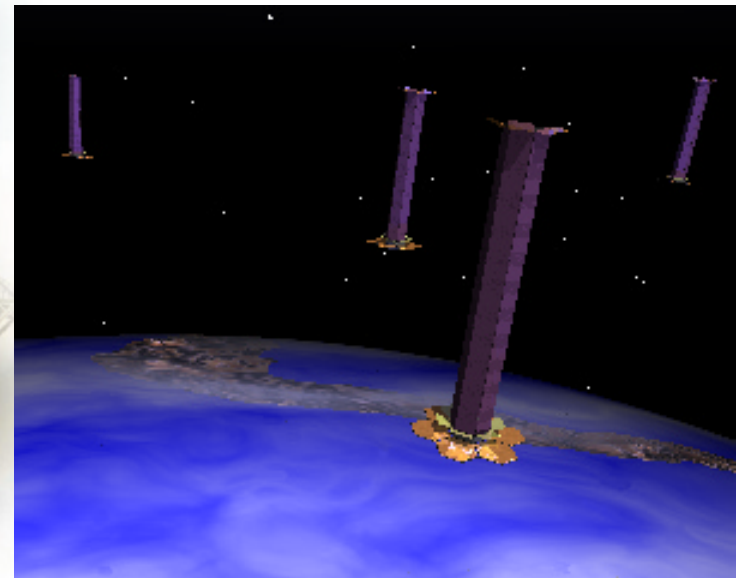
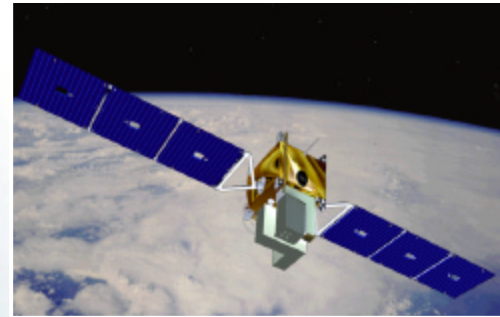




# Conduct Space Operations

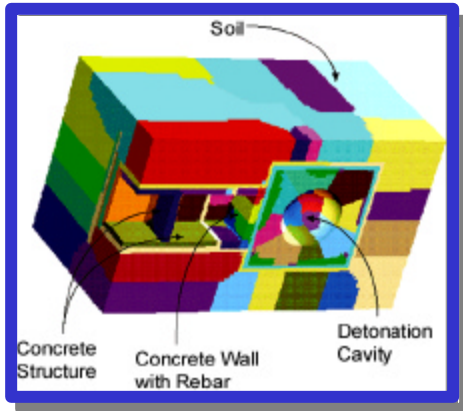
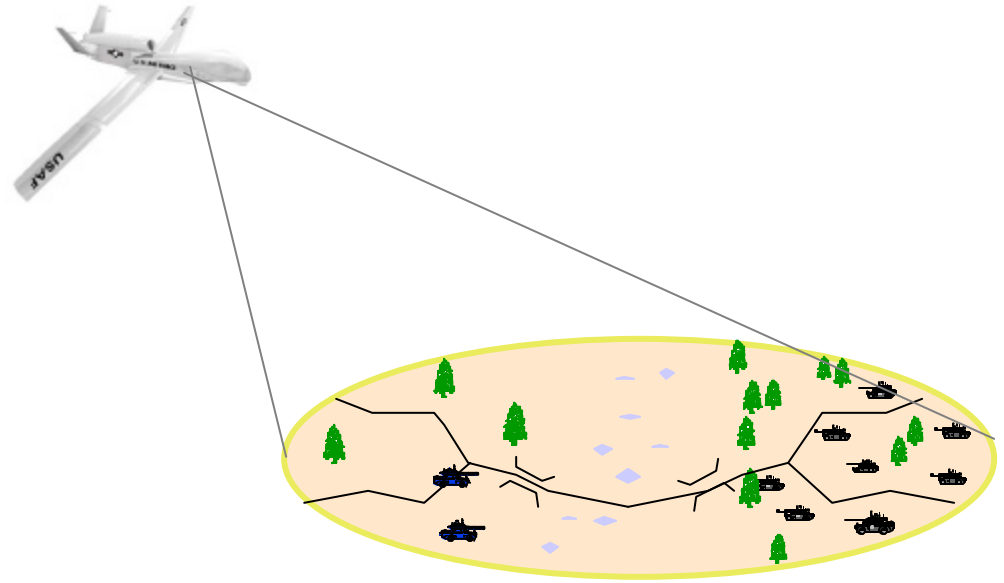


- *Ensure Access to Space*
- *Protect Space Assets*
- *Space Surveillance*
- *Control Space*
- *Sub-Orbital Space Vehicle*



# Leverage Information Technologies

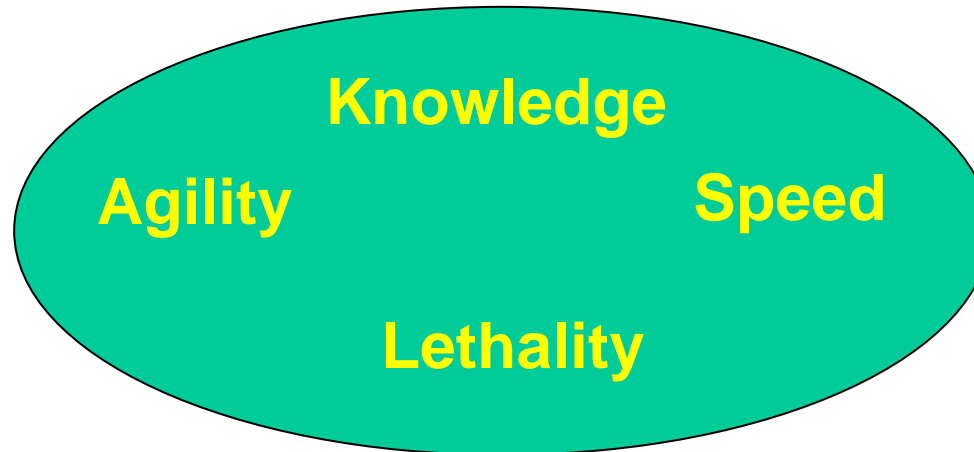
- *High-capacity Interoperable Communications*
- *Survivable, Improved, Tactical and Strategic Communications*
- *End-to-end C4ISR*



# Technology and Transformation



- **Transformation Attributes**



- **Transformation Technology Initiatives**
  - National Aerospace Initiative
  - Surveillance and Knowledge Systems
  - Energy and Power Technologies

# National Aerospace Initiative

## *- Strategic and Tactical Framework*



- **Hypersonics**
  - **Strategic Strike, Time Critical Targets, Suborbital Vehicles, UCAVs, Fast Transportation, etc.**
- **Access to Space**
  - **TSTO: 1st - Air Breathing, 2nd - Rocket; SSTO**
- **Advanced Space Technologies**
  - **Microsats, Multifunction Satellites, etc.**

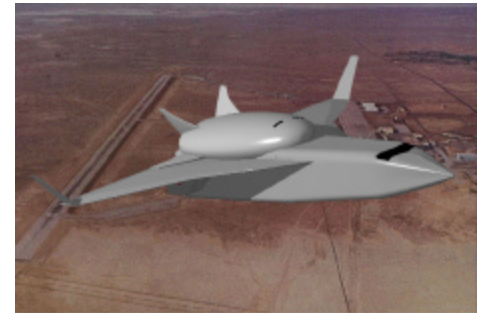


# National Aerospace Initiative

## - *Approach*



*Space Access*



*Weapons*



RLV (Affordable, timely access to space)

**Far-Term**

Hypersonic Cruiser  
(Global Reach/Attack)

**Mid-Term**

Supersonic/Hypersonic  
Missiles  
(Time-critical targets)

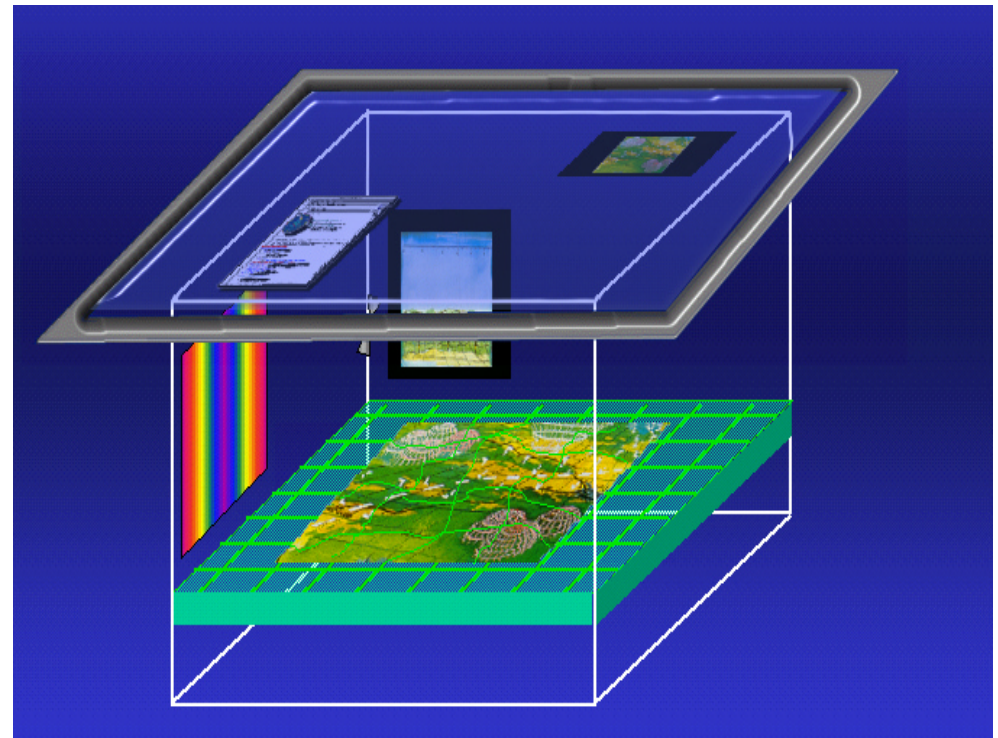
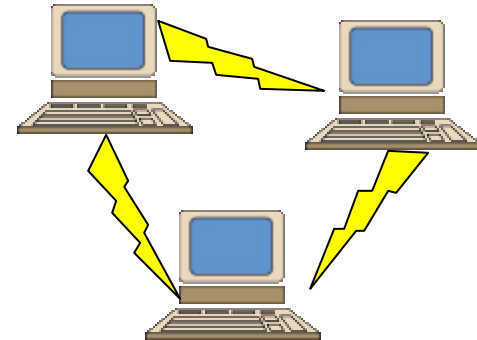
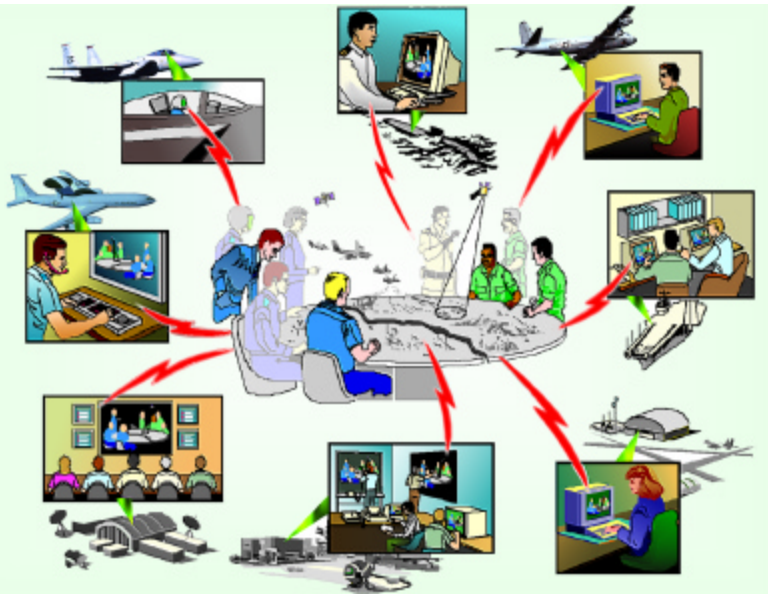
**Near-Term**

**Pursue  
Stepping-  
Stone  
Approach**

# Surveillance & Knowledge Systems - C4ISR



- **Sensors and Unmanned Vehicles**
  - Bio Sensors, Robotics, UAVs, etc.
- **High Bandwidth Communications / Information Assurance**
- **Information / Knowledge Management Systems**
- **Cyber Warfare**



# **Energy and Power Technologies**

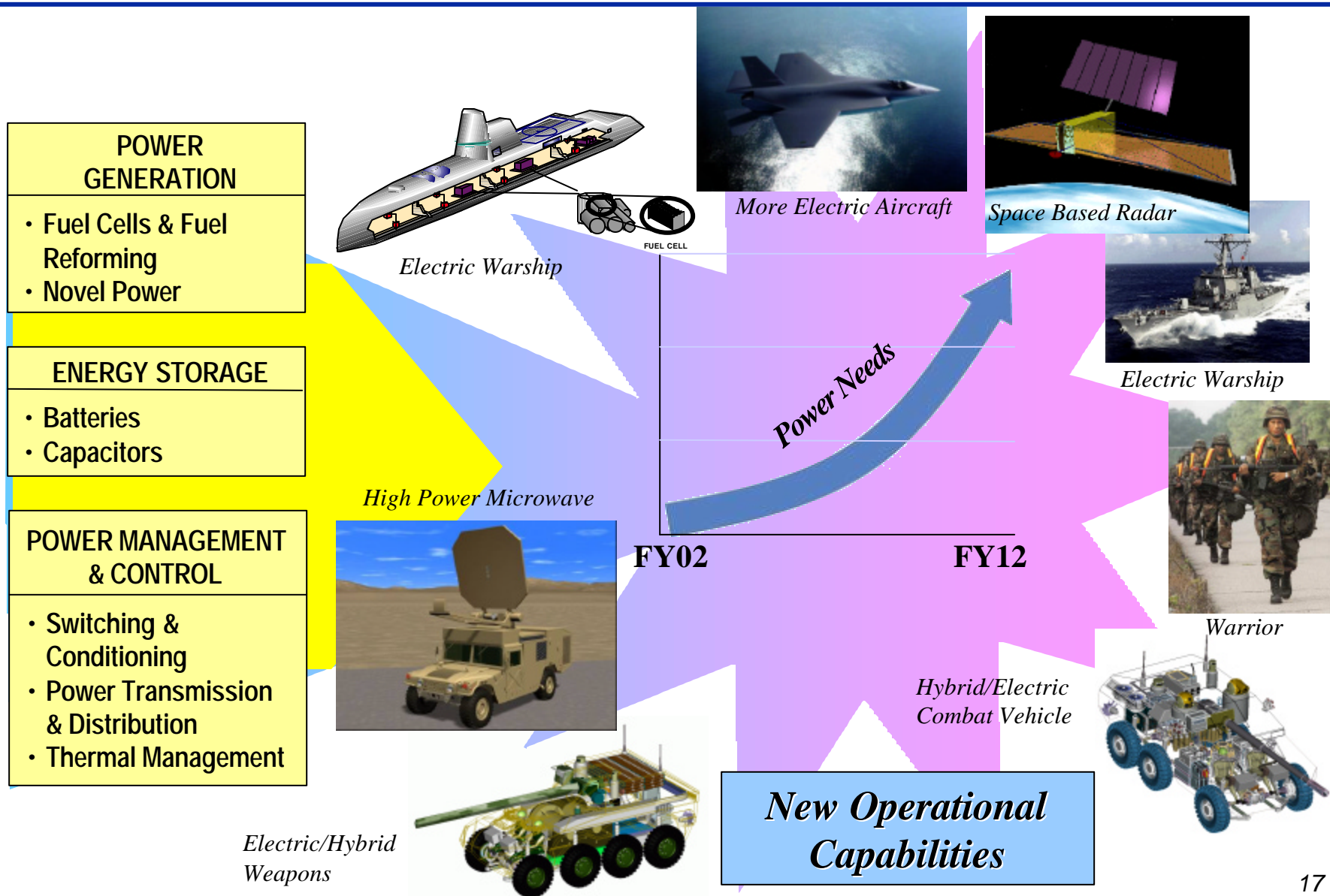
## **- *Enabling An “Electric” Force***



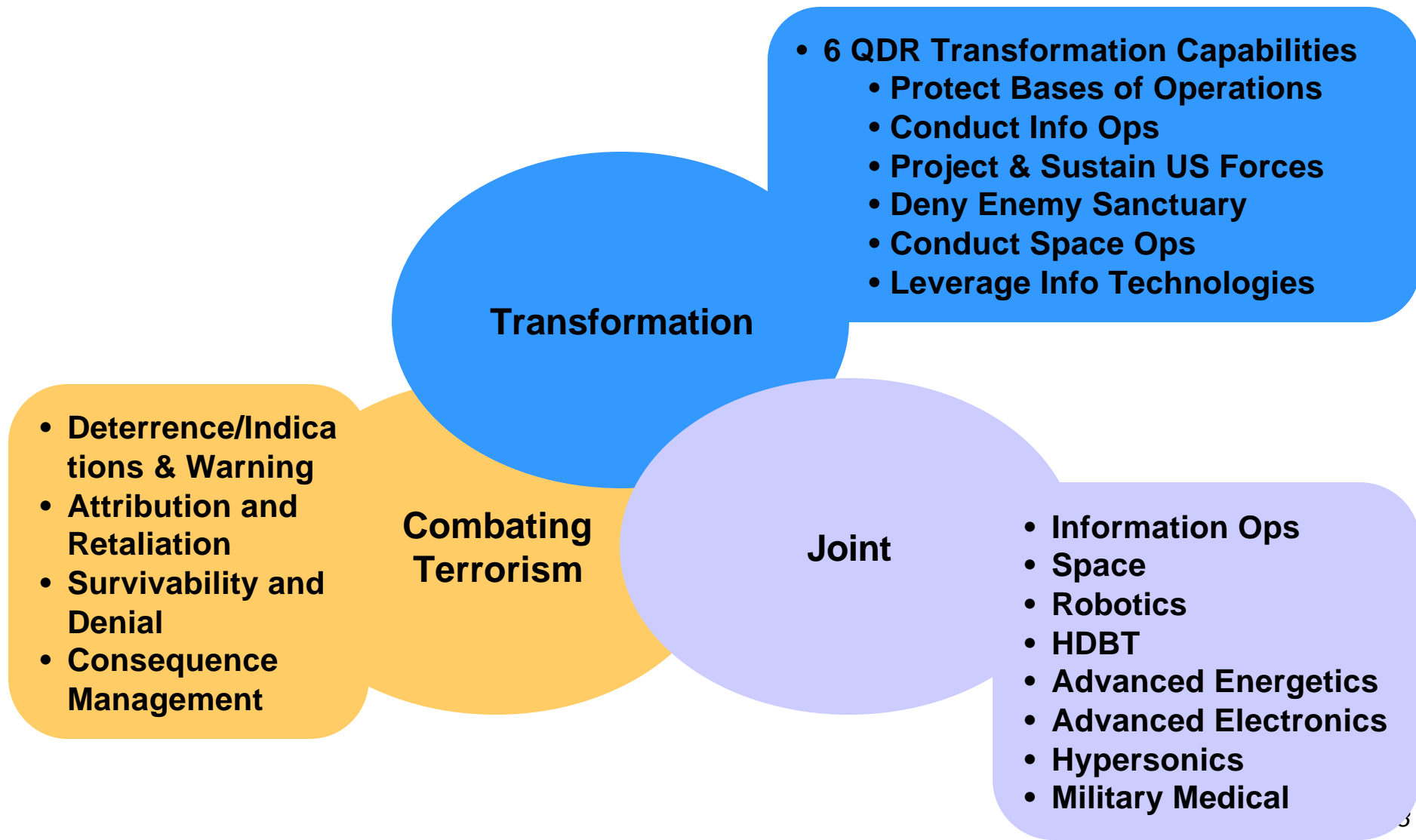
- **Power Generation**
  - Nuclear, Diesel, Jet Engine, Solar Array, Fuel Cells, etc.
- **Energy Storage**
  - Batteries, Fly Wheels, Capacitors, Energetics, etc.
- **Power Management and Control**
  - Energy Conversion, Catapults, etc.
- **Directed Energy Weapons**
  - Lasers, Microwave, Millimeter Wave, etc.



# Energy and Power Technologies



# Science & Technology (S&T) Emphasis Areas



# Technology Transition and Interoperability

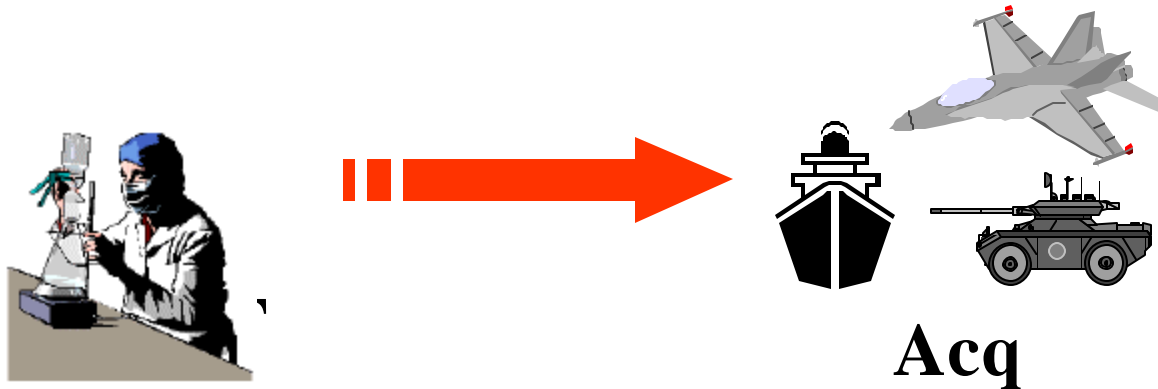


- **S&T Investment Aligned With DoD Goals**
  - Transformation, Combating Terrorism, and “Jointness”
  - Strong S&T Base is Critical for Rapid Technology Transition
- **Technology Transition Effort Has Many Facets**
- **Early Emphasis on Interoperability Facilitates Technology Transition**
  - “Joint” Capabilities
  - Communications, Platforms, Common Manufacturing, Test, O&M, Logistics, etc.

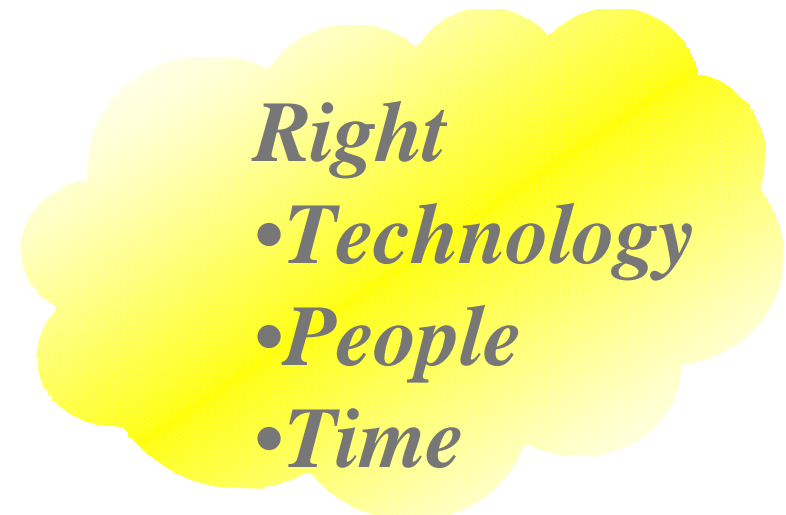
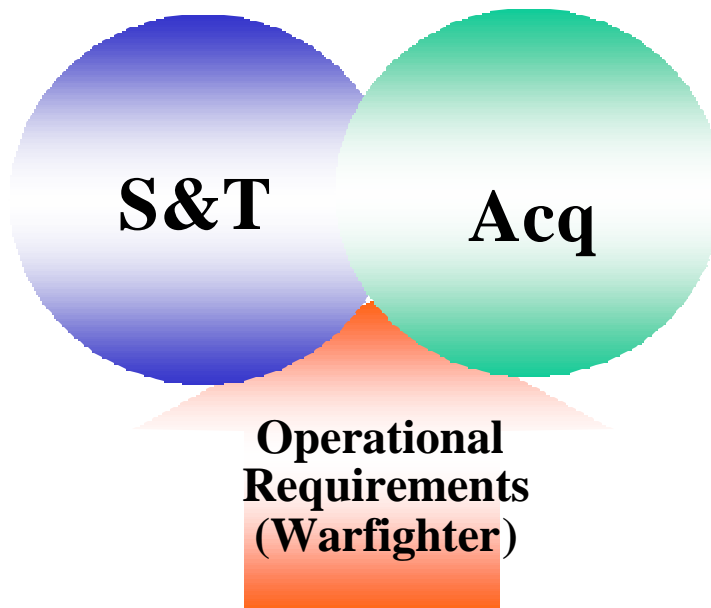
# Best Practices

All Services are moving their acquisition processes

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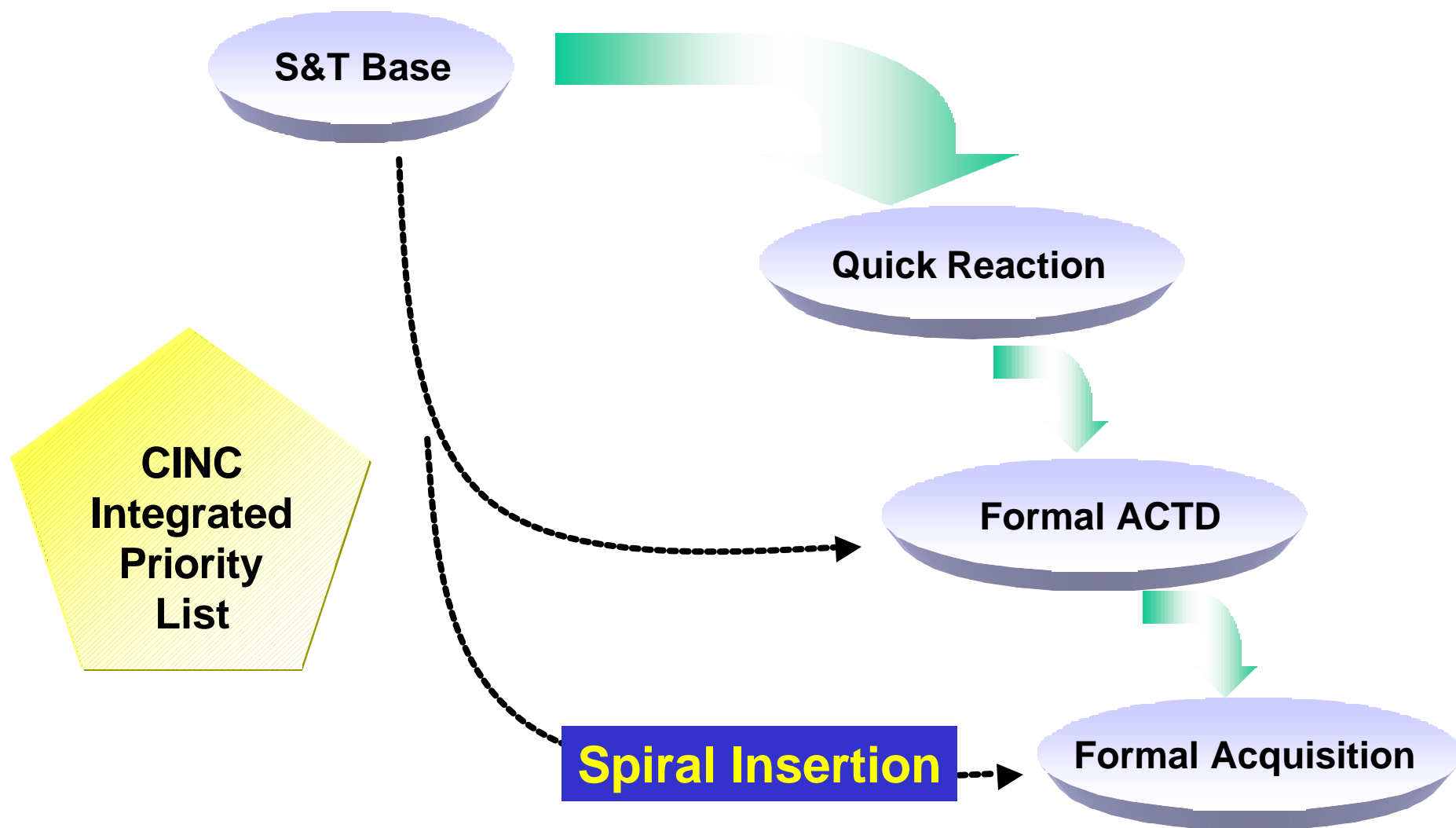


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# Complimentary Transition Efforts



# Thermobaric Weapons

## Case Study In Rapid Technology Transition



- A “Quick Reaction” type development, enabled by base S&T program and ACTD Framework
- Chronology: Program Approved Sept 21, 2001
  - Small Quantity Lab Testing – Oct
  - Full Up Static Test – Nov 17
  - Flight Test - Dec 14
- Team: USN, DTRA, USAF, DOE

***Chemistry***  ***Weapon***  
***3 months***

# Predator

## ACTD Technology Transition



- **Developed as an Advanced Concept Technology Demonstration (ACTD)**
- **Successfully Demonstrated in Bosnia**
- **Rapid Progression From Demo to Operational Use**
- **First ACTD to Transition to the Operational Air Force**
- **Operating Command - ACC**
- **Sustainment - AFMC**

# Joint Strike Fighter Formal Acquisition



**Technology Readiness Assessments (TRA) provide systematic review of technology maturity and readiness for transition**



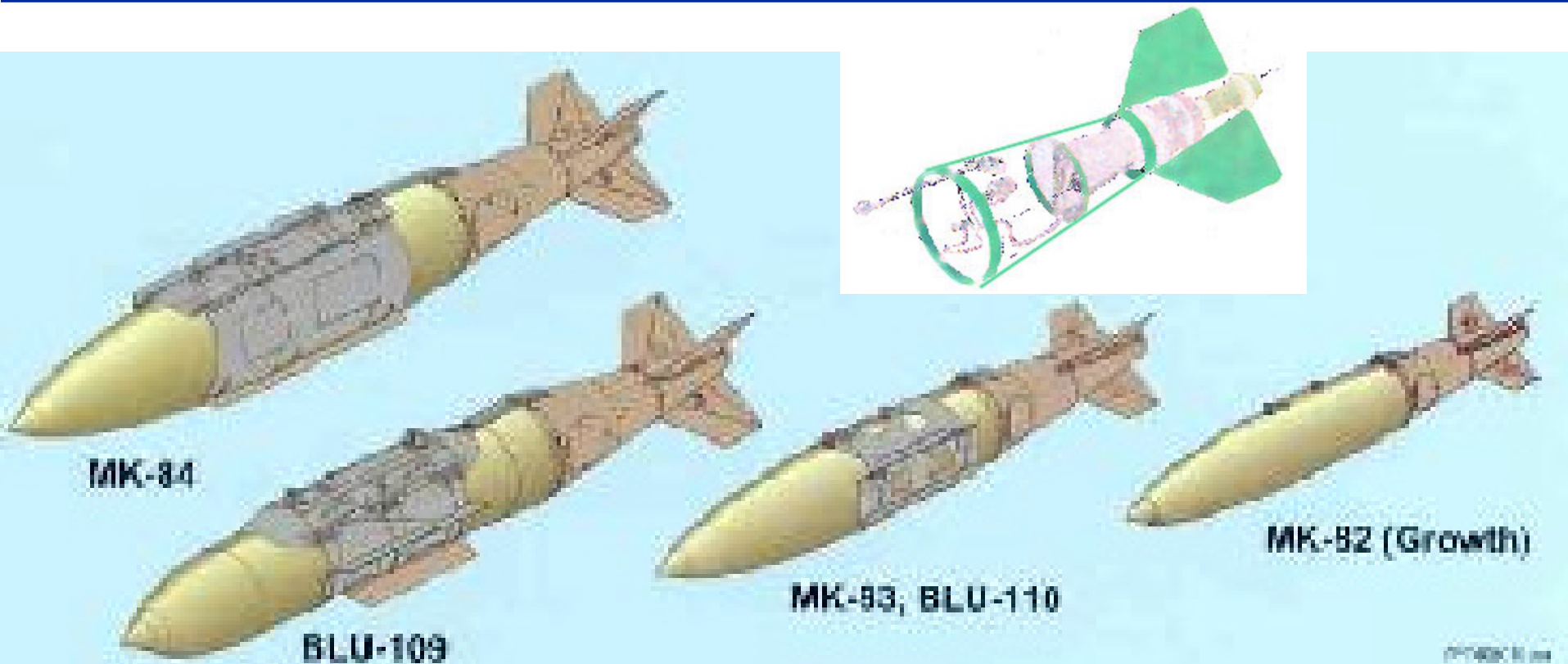
- **First Milestone B TRA Conducted On The Joint Strike Fighter**
- **Critical Technology Areas Were Assessed**
- **Focuses Technology Resources On Risk Mitigation Planning**
- **Commonality between Service Variants Addressed**

**Bringing the Technology and Acquisition Community Together**

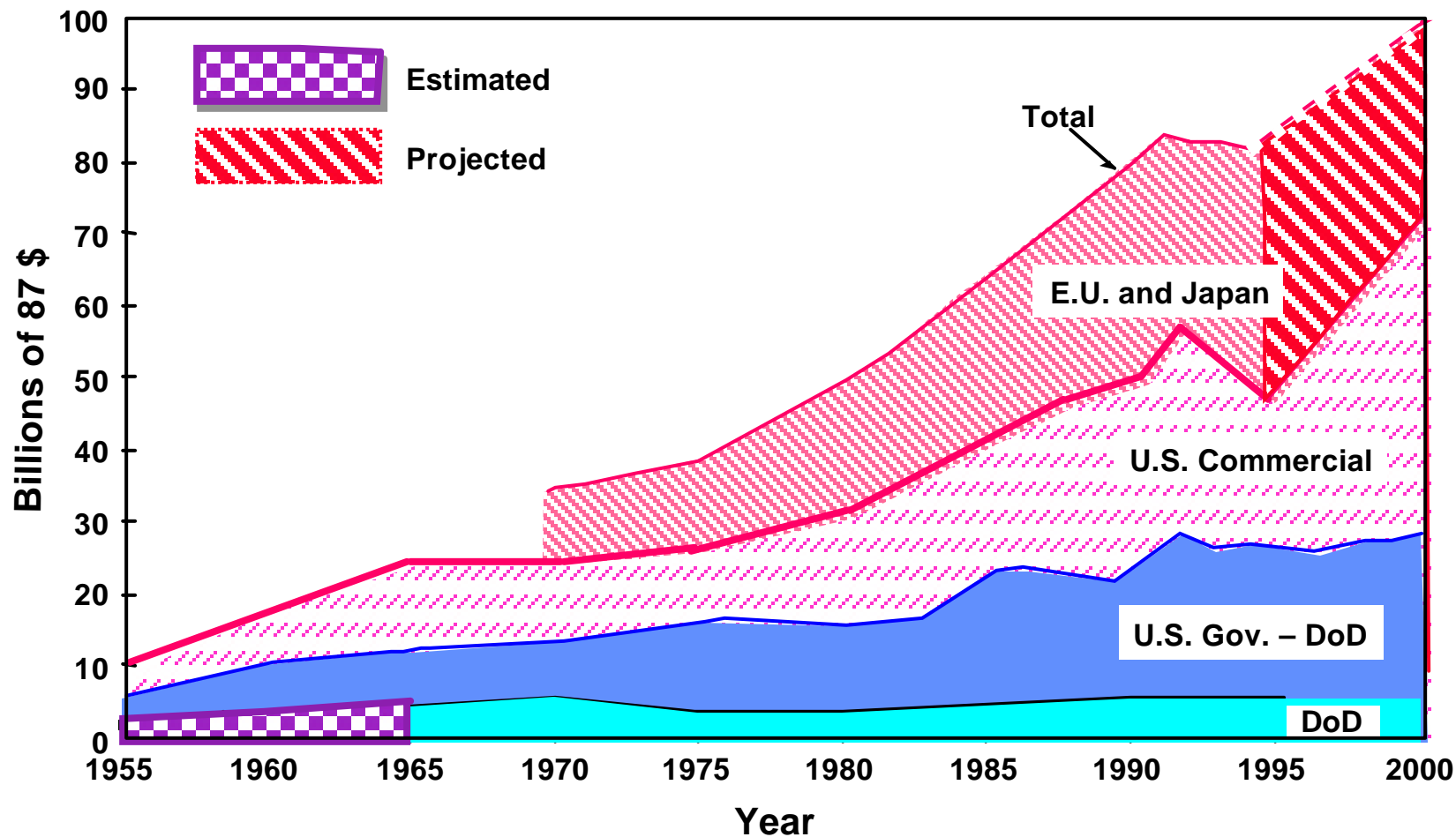


# Joint Direct Attack Munition (JDAM)

## Example of Interoperability



# U.S. and Worldwide Research Base Since WWII



Source: Report of the Defense Science Board Task Force on the Technology Capabilities of Non-DoD Providers; June 2000; Data provided by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development & National Science Foundation

# Summary



- **Interoperability – A Key to Joint Warfighter**
- **Technology is the Foundation for Transformation**
- **Importance of Systems Engineering**
- **Accelerating Technology Transition is Critical**



# BACKUPS

# National Security Workforce and Laboratories



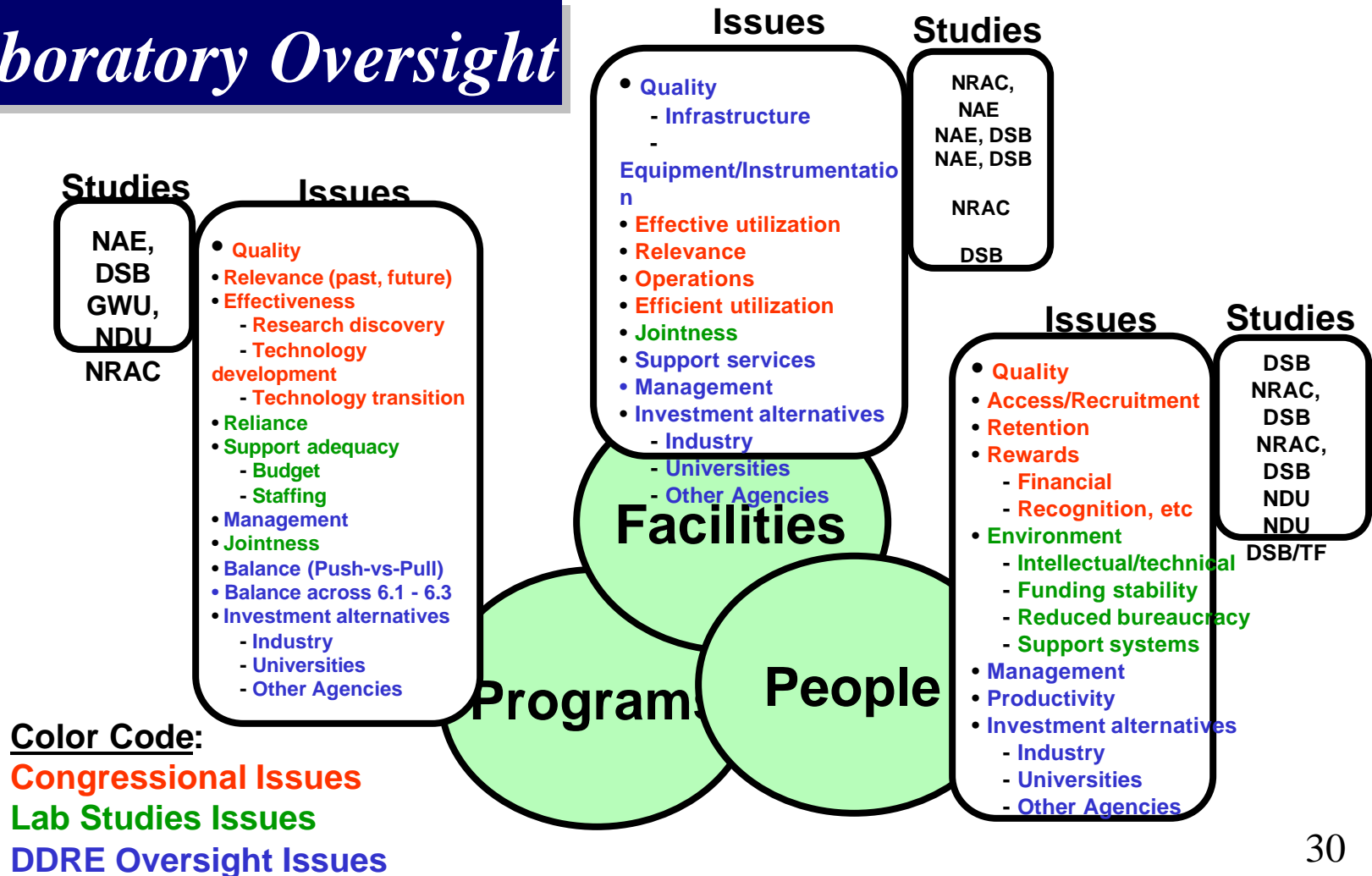
- **DoD Investment in University-based Research Increases the National Workforce in Critical Technology Areas**
- **Expanded Use of Workforce Pilot Programs Will Strengthen Labs**
- **Laboratories Supporting National Security Need to Modernize Infrastructure**





# Laboratories & People

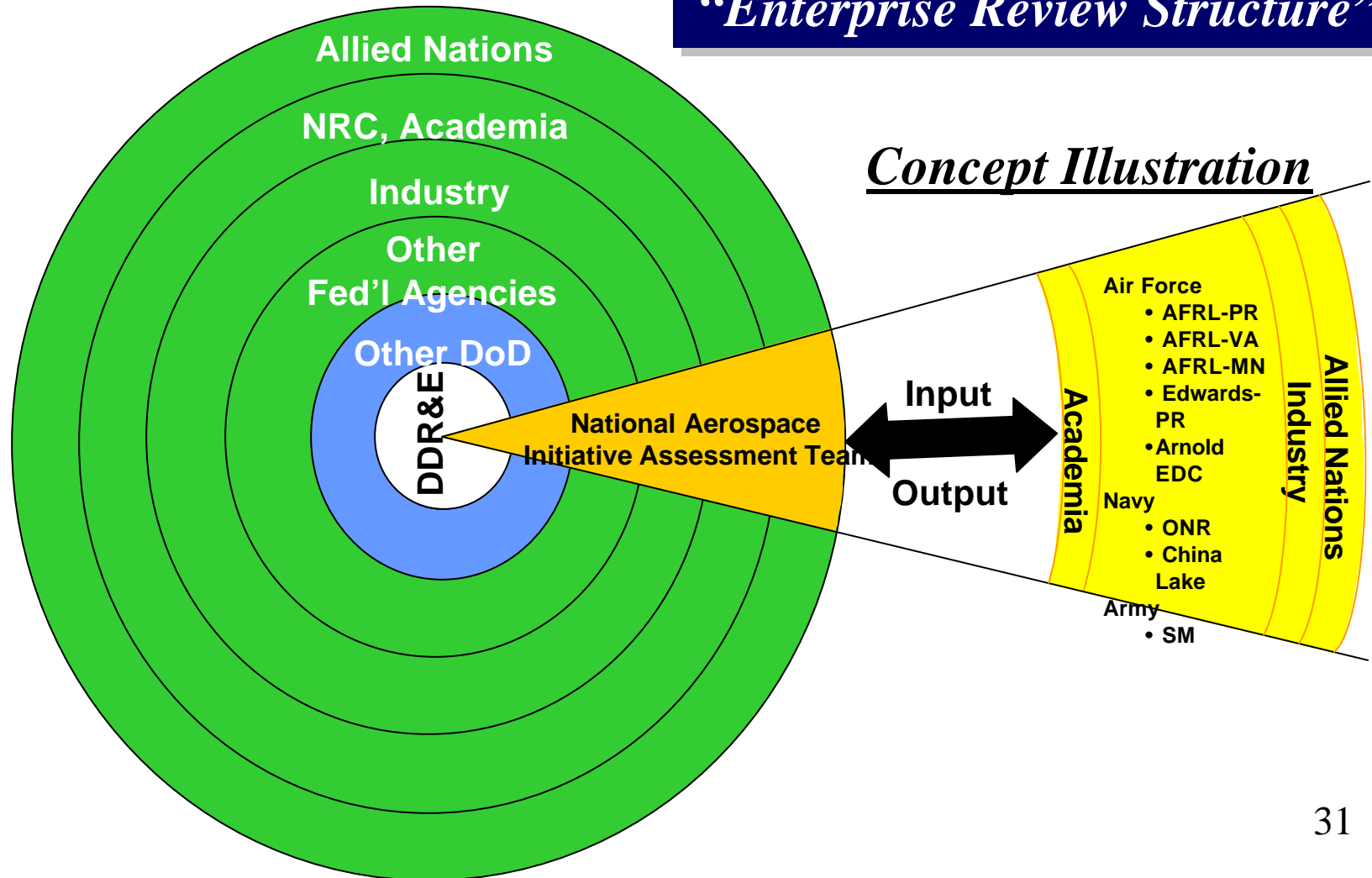
## *“Laboratory Oversight*





# Laboratories & People

## *“Enterprise Review Structure”*



# DoD CTO Responsibilities



- **Principal Advisor to the “CEO” (SECDEF) for Technical Matters**
- **Responsibilities**
  - Provides Oversight / Assessment of the “State of the Art” in militarily relevant technologies:
  - Leads Change of Development of New/Transformational capabilities
  - Assesses Application of Technology to Acquisition Programs
  - Shapes the DoD Laboratories and Workforce
- **Mechanisms**
  - Policy
  - Financial